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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FIFTIETH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

First report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mrs. Annette de ILES (Trinidad and Tobago)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 19 September 1995, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its fiftieth session consisting of the following Member States: China, Luxembourg, Mali, Marshall Islands, Russian Federation, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America and Venezuela.

2. The Credentials Committee held its 1st meeting on 12 October 1995.

3. Mrs. Annette des Iles (Trinidad and Tobago) was unanimously elected Chairman.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General, dated 11 October 1995, on the status of credentials of representatives to the fiftieth session. The memorandum indicated that, as at 11 October 1995, credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, as provided in rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, had been submitted by 115 Member States (Afghanistan, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Chad, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Ecuador, Eritrea, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua,

Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra leone, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire and Zimbabwe). The Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs informed the Committee that, subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum, additional credentials in due form had been received in respect of the representatives of three Member States (Congo, Mauritania and Suriname) and updated the memorandum accordingly.

5. The Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs explained to the Committee that the Secretary-General's memorandum related solely to the Member States that had submitted formal credentials for their representatives in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. He indicated also that at a later stage the Secretary-General would report to the Committee on the credentials of representatives of other Member States participating in the fiftieth session whose formal credentials had not yet been received at the time of the Committee's first meeting.

6. The Chairman proposed that the Committee should adopt the following draft resolution:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the fiftieth session of the General Assembly of the Member States referred to in the memorandum of the Secretary-General dated 11 October 1995,

"Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the Member States concerned."

7. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

8. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 10). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

9. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

10. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the fiftieth session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Having considered the first report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the first report of the Credentials Committee.